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Trump has been silent about Dick Cheney's death. But on the campaign trail, he railed against him

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Vice President Dick Cheney may have been a legendary figure within the Republican Party, but for President Donald Trump, he was part of a long list of people he viewed as political opponents.

While White House flags were lowered to half-staff in remembrance of Cheney on Tuesday, there was no fanfare, and Trump made no comment about Cheney's death on social media. His press secretary Karoline Leavitt did not mention his passing in a press briefing until she was asked by a reporter and then made only perfunctory comments.

"I know the president is aware of the former vice president's passing. And as you saw, flags have been lowered to half-staff in accordance with statutory law," Leavitt said.

Trump was not so quiet about Cheney on the campaign trail last year, speak-



The American flag is seen at half-staff, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, at the White House in Washington. Associated Press

ing regularly about him and his daughter, Liz Cheney, a former member of Congress who bucked most of her party to become a leading critic and examiner of Trump's desperate attempts to retain power after he failed to win reelection in 2020. Dick Cheney backed his daughter, and in a twist the Democrats of his era could never have imagined, ultimately said he would vote for Trump's Democratic opponent, Kamala Harris.

While campaigning in Traverse City, Michigan, Trump told Arab and Muslim voters that Dick Cheney's support for Harris should give them pause, saying he "killed more Arabs than any human being on Earth. He pushed Bush, and they went into the Middle East."

Trump told conservative media personality Tucker Carlson that he was "never a fan of Cheney" but said he thought the former vice president would back him, anyway. "I was a little surprised because I actually thought that Dick Cheney would go with me over his daughter, and he didn't," Trump said at a Oct. 31, 2024 campaign event with Carlson.

In his first term, Trump had granted Cheney's former chief of staff, Scooter Libby, a pardon for his 2007 conviction of lying to investigators and obstruction of justice.

"When I became president, I actually called Dick Cheney. I said, 'Let me ask you about Scooter Libby,'" Trump told Carlson, saying he thought former President George W. Bush "didn't have the courage" to pardon Libby.

"I released him. Cheney called me, he said, 'it's one of the nicest things I've ever seen done in politics,'" Trump said. □



The control tower for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is seen at sunrise on Aug. 8, 2025, in Arlington, Va. Associated Press

By **SAFIYAH RIDDLE**
Associated Press

All flights into and out of Ronald Reagan National

Airport, one of the nation's busiest airports, were halted for a time Tuesday due to a reported bomb

Reported threat halts flights at Washington's Reagan airport for a time

threat, federal authorities announced.

The threat was directed towards a United Airlines flight traveling from Houston, Texas to the Washington, D.C. area airport, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said on X.

All other flights were put on hold while the aircraft was moved to an isolated area of the airport. The 89 passengers and six crew members disembarked from the Boeing 737 plane and

were bussed to the terminal, United Airlines and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority said.

The FBI Washington Field Office's National Capital Response Squad responded to the reported threat and said no hazardous materials were found. Law enforcement is now investigating the threat itself, authorities said. All airport operations resumed at approximately 1:30 p.m. ET, according to Duffy, who thanked law enforcement

for responding swiftly.

Before flights resumed, the average delay time for departing flights outside of the airport was 51 minutes on Tuesday afternoon, according to the the Federal Aviation Administration. The maximum delay time was over two hours.

Flight delays across the country have been on the rise as the federal government enters the second month of a shutdown, leaving air traffic controllers to work without pay. □

Judge hears testimony about crowded cells and overflowing toilets at Chicago-area immigration site

By **CHRISTINE FERNANDO**
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge heard testimony Tuesday about overflowing toilets, crowded cells, no beds and water that “tasted like sewer” at a Chicago-area building that serves as a key detention spot for people rounded up in the Trump administration’s immigration crackdown.

Three people who were held at the building in Broadview, just outside Chicago, offered rare public accounts about the conditions there as U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman considers ordering changes at a site that has become a flashpoint for protests and confrontations with federal agents.

“I don’t want anyone else to live what I lived through,” said Felipe Agustin Zamacona, 47, an Amazon driver and Mexican immigrant who has lived in the U.S. for decades. Zamacona said there were 150 people in a holding cell. Desperate to lie down to sleep, he said he once took the spot of another man who got up to use the toilet.

And the water? Zamacona said he tried to drink from a sink but it “tasted like sewer.” A lawsuit filed last week accuses the government of denying proper access to food, water and medical care, and coercing people to sign documents they don’t understand. Without that knowledge, and without private communication with lawyers, they have unknowingly relinquished their rights and faced deportation, the lawsuit alleges.

“This is not an issue of not getting a toilet or a Fiji water bottle,” attorney Alexa Van Brunt of the MacArthur Justice Center told the judge. “These are a set of dire conditions that when taken together paint a harrowing picture.”

Before testimony began, U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman said the allegations were “disgusting.”

“To have to sleep on a floor next to an overflowing toi-



A demonstrator holds a sign reading “STOP BEATING PEOPLE” near a line of law enforcement as protesters gather outside an ICE processing facility in the Chicago suburb of Broadview, Ill., Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025.

Associated Press

let that’s obviously unconstitutional,” he said.

Attorney Jana Brady of the Justice Department acknowledged there are no beds at the Broadview building, just outside Chicago, because it was not intended to be a long-term detention site.

Authorities have “improved the operations” over the past few months, she said, adding there has been a “learning curve.”

“The conditions are not sufficiently serious,” Brady told the judge.

The building has been managed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for decades. But amid the Chicago-area crackdown, it has been used to process people for detention or deportation.

Greg Bovino, the Border Patrol commander who has led the Chicago immigration operation, said criticism was unfounded.

“I think they’re doing a great job out there,” he told The Associated Press during an interview this week.

Testifying with the help of a translator, Pablo Moreno Gonzalez, 56, said he was arrested last week while waiting to start work. Like Zamacona, he said he was placed in a cell with 150 other people, with no beds, blankets, toothbrush

or toothpaste. “It was just really bad. ... It was just too much,” Moreno Gonzalez, crying, told the judge. A third person, Claudia Carolina Pereira Guevara, testified from Honduras, separated from two children who remain in the U.S. She said she was held at Broadview for five days in October and recalled using a garbage bag to clear a clogged toilet. “They gave us nothing that had to do with cleaning. Absolutely nothing,” Guevara said. For months advocates have raised concerns about conditions at Broadview, which has drawn scrutiny from members of Congress, political candidates and activist groups. □

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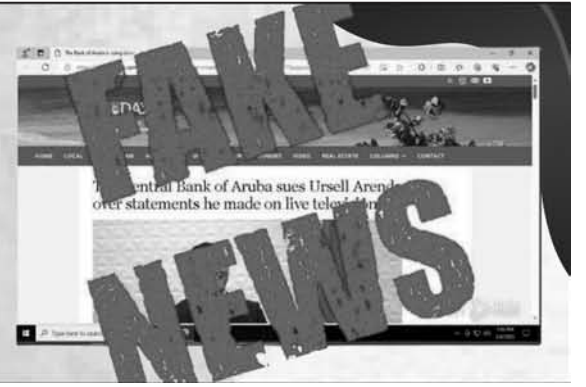
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2 men are charged with setting off fireworks inside an empty Harvard Medical School building



Ted Docks, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, speaks during a news conference to announce the arrest of two men in connection with a weekend explosion at Harvard Medical School on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 in Boston.

Associated Press

By **MICHAEL CASEY and LEAH WILLINGHAM**
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Two men who were in the Boston area for college Halloween parties last weekend set off fireworks inside of an empty Harvard Medical School building, authorities said Tuesday in announcing their arrests. Logan David Patterson, 18, and Dominick Frank Cardoza, 20, were taken into custody Tuesday on federal charges of conspiracy to damage by means of fire or an explosive. Hours later, they were escorted into U.S. District Court in Boston in handcuffs as relatives of at least one of them looked on. Judge Jessica Hedges asked if they understood the process, and both said they did. She then ordered them released pending trial and forbid them from possessing explosives or visiting Harvard while free. Stefan Rozembersky, a lawyer for Cardoza, who is from the Cape Cod town of Bourne, said after the hearing that the case is one of "significant overcharging."

"We're dealing with property damage — this would ordinarily be a state charge," he said. Patterson, who is from the Boston suburb of Plymouth, left the hearing with his family, who declined to comment when approached by a reporter. The explosion happened at around 2:45 a.m. Saturday on the fourth floor of Harvard Medical School's Goldenson Building, which houses labs and offices associated with the school's neurobiology department. The building was empty and no one was injured. "Let me be clear: Setting off an explosive device inside a locker at an institution geared toward higher education is not some harmless college prank. It's selfish, it's shortsighted and it's a federal crime," Ted Docks, the FBI's special agent in charge, said at a news conference. He wouldn't speculate as to the motive. According to the charging document, witnesses said the defendants were visiting the Wentworth Institute

of Technology for Halloween activities, including parties at area schools. On the morning of the blast, surveillance footage captured the two walking toward Harvard's medical school wearing face coverings. Witnesses said the pair chose the building because it looked abandoned and got into it via the roof by climbing up scaffolding, the charging document states. Witnesses said the pair lit a roman candle outside of the building and placed a cherry bomb inside of a locker in the building that then exploded, according to the charging document. An officer who responded to a fire alarm that morning encountered two people running from the building, Harvard police said. "Anxiety levels naturally rise when the public learns that an explosion was intentionally caused. I would say those levels may rise even higher in the Boston area," U.S. Attorney Leah B. Foley said at the news conference, noting that the investigation is ongoing but that there's no further threat to the university. □



The Earl Warren Building, headquarters of the Supreme Court of California and part of the Ronald M. George State Office Complex, is shown in San Francisco, Jan. 7, 2020.

Associated Press

Court lets stand ruling that says UC's ban on hiring students without legal status is discriminatory

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court has let stand a lower-court ruling that the University of California's policy barring students without legal status in the US from campus jobs is discriminatory and must be reconsidered.

Officials with the university system say the decision puts them in a precarious position as they negotiate with the Trump administration after the withdrawal of federal research funds. A 2024 lawsuit argued that UC's ban defied state law. In August, the First District Court of Appeals ruled that UC had not provided sufficient evidence to justify its "discriminatory policy" of not hiring students who are in the country without legal permission.

That ruling stopped short of overturning the hiring protocol, but the judges ordered UC to reconsider it using proper legal criteria. Instead, UC took the case to the state's high court, which last week declined to hear the challenge.

Rachel Zaentz, a UC spokesperson, said in a statement Tuesday that the university system is "assessing its options" and that the court's decision not to review the case "creates serious legal risks for the University and all other state employers in California."

Under Trump, UC has contended with federal grant suspensions and a White House demand that it pay a \$1 billion fine over allegations including antisemitism and the illegal use of race in admission at the Los Angeles campus. A plaintiff in the case, former UC lecturer Iliana Perez, urged the university system to take the latest court decision as an opportunity to revise its hiring policy.

"The California Supreme Court's decision not only reaffirms that discriminating against undocumented immigrants from accessing on-campus employment cannot continue to be tolerated," Perez said in a statement Monday to the Los Angeles Times.

"But it also gives UC the clarity to finally unlock life-changing opportunities for the thousands of immigrant students who contribute to its campuses, and to the state's economy and workforce." □

Brazil's Lula to call Trump if tariff talks stall, pushes against conflict in Venezuela

By MAURICIO SAVARESE
Associated Press

BELEM, Brazil (AP) — Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva said on Tuesday he will personally call Donald Trump if negotiations on U.S. tariffs do not make progress in the near future.

The U.S. government has increased tariffs on many Brazilian goods by more than 50%, but Lula and Trump discussed reaching a potential deal during a meeting in Malaysia in October.

"I have his number, he has mine. I have no trouble in calling him," Lula told reporters ahead of the United Nations' climate summit known as COP. Its 30th edition starts this week in Belem, a Brazilian city in the heart of the Amazon.

"When COP30 ends, if a meeting between my negotiators and his is not yet scheduled, I'll call Trump again," said the Brazilian leader, adding that his main negotiators, Vice President Geraldo Alckmin and Finance Minister Fernando Haddad, are keen for further talks.

"I won't have any issue in going to Washington, going to New York (to discuss



Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva speaks during an interview with the foreign media ahead of the COP30 U.N. Climate Summit in Belem, Para state, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025.

Associated Press

tariffs) and I hope that he (Trump) has no problem in coming to Brazil," Lula said. On July 30, Trump signed an executive order to impose 50% tariffs on Brazil. Trump has linked the tariffs to the country's policies and criminal prosecution of former President Jair Bolsonaro. The U.S. ran a \$6.8 billion trade surplus last year with Brazil, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Brazil and the U.S. are the biggest democracies in the Western world.

The more we respect each other, the more cordial we are with each other before the world, the best it will be for the U.S. and for Brazil. That's how I do politics," Lula said.

Bolsonaro was sentenced in September to 27 years and three months in jail for leading a coup attempt af-

ter his 2022 election defeat to Lula.

The former president, who has been under house arrest since August, is now appealing to reduce his prison sentence.

Separately, Lula urged Latin American states to help avoid a conflict in Venezuela as the Trump administration orders military action against vessels allegedly linked to drug cartels.

The veteran leader said he is considering attending a meeting in Colombia next week of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, a body 33 of members, at which U.S. military action in the region will be in discussed. Some members of European Union will also attend.

Trump's military operations in the Caribbean have killed dozens of people who he accuses of being members of a drug cartel led by Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro. Last month, he authorized the CIA to conduct covert actions inside Venezuela, and the U.S. government has doubled the bounty for the capture of Maduro, who denies the accusations, which he claims to be an excuse for American military action in the region.

"I told Trump that Latin America is a region of peace," Lula said. "I don't want us to reach the point of a U.S. ground invasion of Venezuela."

He added: "Police have every right to fight drug dealers...the Americans could be helping those countries instead of trying to shoot against them." □

Centrist D66 party wins tight race in Dutch election

By MOLLY QUELL
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A nail-biter national election in the Netherlands came down to postal votes from Dutch citizens living abroad, with the centrist D66 party eking out a win over anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders' far-right Party for Freedom, according to a final tally by national news agency ANP.

The pair will each have 26 seats in parliament, as the roughly 28,000 vote advantage for D66 was not enough for the party to pick up an additional legislator.

Using a nearly complete ballot count and an estimation based on previous

patterns, ANP had predicted D66 would receive the most votes but the question of the additional seat was unclear until late Monday evening.

Speaking to reporters last week, Rob Jetten, the 38-year-old leader of D66, called the outcome a "historic result" and said he was proud but felt a "great responsibility" to the country.

Jetten would be the country's youngest and first openly gay leader.

On Tuesday, Jetten announced fellow party member Wouter Koolmees would be appointed as a "scout" and tasked with investigating possible coalitions. Koolmees previously

served as social affairs minister and is now the chief executive of the Dutch rail company.

"He's able to connect the left and the right," Jetten told reporters. Koolmees will begin on Wednesday, meeting with the leader of each of the 15 parties in parliament.

In the splintered Dutch political landscape, forming a coalition is likely to take weeks or months.

Despite a second place finish, the result is an 11-seat loss for Wilders' party, known by its Dutch acronym PVV.

Two years ago, the PVV surged to victory in a stunning lurch to the far right for a nation once famed



Rob Jetten, leader of the Democrats '66 (D66) in The Hague, Netherlands, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025.

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as a beacon of tolerance. But the 62-year-old has lost support since forming and then bringing down a four-party coalition that was notorious for infighting and which did not manage to agree on a tough package of measures to rein in migration to the Netherlands.

Wilders has reacted to the loss by suggesting on social media there may have been voting irregularities, a claim widely rebuked by local municipalities that organize voting as well as the Electoral Council, the independent body that certifies election results. □

Afghanistan earthquake survivors spend the night in the open; the quake damaged historical sites

By **ABDUL QA HAR AFGHAN**
Associated Press
KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— Survivors of a powerful earthquake in northern Afghanistan that killed more than 25 people and injured nearly 1,000 were digging through the rubble of their homes Tuesday, trying to salvage what belongings they could after spending the night outside in the bitter cold.

Rain was forecast for the region, further compounding the misery for survivors. The 6.3 magnitude quake struck just before 1 a.m. local time Monday, with an epicenter 22 kilometers (14 miles) west-southwest of the town of Khulm in Samangan province. By early Tuesday afternoon, the death stood at 27, while another 956 people were injured, Public Health Ministry spokesperson Sharafat Zaman said in a statement. The tremor also damaged historical sites, including Afghanistan's famed Blue Mosque in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, which is one of Afghanistan's most revered religious landmarks, and the Bagh-e-Jahan Nama Palace in Khulm. The Blue Mosque's minaret was badly damaged, while some bricks and tiles had fallen from some of the



Damage is seen in the historic Blue Mosque after a powerful 6.3-magnitude earthquake in Mazar-e-Sharif, northern Afghanistan, Monday, Nov. 3, 2025.

mosque's walls and cracks appeared in other parts of the centuries-old site, said Mahmoodullah Zarar, Head of Information and Culture of Balkh Province. "The Holy Shrine is a valuable monument of Islamic values and the history of the Islamic era ... (and) is in dire need of repair and restoration," he said, adding that information on the damage had been shared with the ministry of art and culture.

Video footage from the mosque, which is a major gathering place during Islamic and cultural festivals, showed structural damage to parts of the mosque, while brickwork and the decorative tiles that adorn its facade had crumbled in several places and laid strewn on the ground. The most severely damaged historical monument in the province was the 19th century Bagh-e Jahan Nama Palace, said Firo-

zuddin Munib, Samangan province's Head of Information and Culture. The palace, built in 1890-1892, and its adjoining gardens are a popular site for visitors.

"The restoration of this palace is very important because winter is coming and the area is cold, and it is raining, which may cause further damage," Munib said, adding that the quake caused a surrounding wall and one tower to

collapse and also led to cracks in the palace and other towers.

In Khulm, aftershocks rattled survivors, who spent the night out in the open.

"People are still scared because of last night's earthquake because small tremors were felt during the day," said local resident Asadullah Samangani. "We spent the night in the open ground last night, the weather was very cold, we couldn't sleep, we feel like there will be another earthquake now."

He said authorities had sent tents and basic necessities, but that his home was "completely destroyed, nothing was left intact to use. Our children were all sick in the morning because we had spent the night in the cold, and all the household items were under the rubble."

"People from other areas came to help, but our belongings are still under rubble and damaged. Our women are facing great difficulties, we do not have a toilet and we do not have a place where our women can spend the night."

Rescue crews were still operating in some areas on Tuesday, and were expected to finish by the end of the day. □

Associated Press

Hurricane death toll rises to 43 in Haiti as aid pours in across the northern Caribbean

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti's government said Tuesday that the death toll from Hurricane Melissa rose to 43, with 13 others still missing.

Crews were still trying to reach people in the country's southwest region, where landslides and floodwaters devastated more than 30 communities. At least 25 deaths occurred in the southwestern coastal town of Petit-Goâve, one of the hardest hit communities.

The Category 5 storm, one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes on record, flooded nearly 12,000

homes and destroyed nearly 200 others after its outer bands battered Haiti

last week. Numerous roads remain inaccessible. The government warned

there's a drinking water shortage in several communities, and that it will soon distribute seeds and tools to farmers facing major agricultural losses.

More than 1,700 people remain in shelters.

Meanwhile, in nearby Jamaica, crews were trying to reach more than two dozen communities that remained cut off since Melissa made landfall on Oct. 28.

The storm killed at least 32 people in Jamaica, with officials warning that number would rise.

Mike Bassett, national director of domestic, hu-

manitarian and emergency affairs of World Vision International, said a potential humanitarian crisis could unfold if aid is not delivered quickly.

"I have been doing this for over 10 years, and I have never seen anything like this," Bassett said Tuesday while in Jamaica.

He said that while visiting hurricane-ravaged communities like Chester Castle and Cambridge, people were seen bathing in a river and harvesting its water for drinking because of a lack of electricity and water supply in the hurricane's aftermath. □



A pedestrian looks at a flooded car in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa in Petit-Goave, Haiti, Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025.

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Infini Named One of the 10 Best Restaurants in Aruba by Caribbean Journal

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Journal praised Infini as a standout for its immersive, high-end culinary experience.

"Dining at Infini is an intimate encounter with culinary precision — just a few seats, one open kitchen, and a front-row view of Chef Urvin Croes in action," the article states. "For those seeking something rare and immersive in Aruba's dining scene, Infini delivers something unforgettable." Located inside the exclusive Blue Residences, Infini is not your typical fine-dining venue. With their open-concept kitchen, the restaurant invites guests to become part of the culinary journey. Each course—meticulously prepared by Chef Urvin Croes and his team—blends modern techniques with the bold, authentic spirit of the Caribbean.

Chef Urvin, celebrated for his innovative approach to island cuisine and crowned Iron Chef Aruba, has built Infini into a space where dining becomes storytelling. Every detail—from plating and pacing to personal engagement with the chef—is designed to elevate food into an experience. With this recognition from Caribbean Journal, Infini continues to raise the bar for Aruba's culinary scene, offering something truly unique for food enthusiasts looking to go beyond traditional dining. □



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Discover the New Menu at CAYA House: A Bold Take on Caribbean Flavors



(Oranjestad)—CAYA House Restaurant in Aruba invites you to experience a captivating new chapter in Latin-Caribbean dining with the launch of its latest menu items. Set in a beautifully restored traditional Cunucu house and surrounded by lush tropical greenery, CAYA offers an atmosphere where island heritage and modern culinary artistry come together in perfect harmony.



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The new menu is a vibrant tribute to that heritage. Each dish is carefully curated to reflect the spirit of the islands, with a contemporary twist that elevates every bite.

Start with the Celery Root Milanesa, a beautifully breaded and fried celery root served with a fragrant Caribbean curry sauce, mango and papaya relish, butter

bean and potato curry, and sautéed spinach. It's hearty, elegant, and deeply satisfying.

Seafood enthusiasts will savor the Corvina, pan-fried and glazed in pineapple hoisin, accompanied by cucumber and pineapple salsa, banana beurre blanc, and plantain fried rice—a delicate balance of tropical sweetness and savory depth.

The Creole Fish captures the soul of the Caribbean with snapper pan-fried and layered with Creole sauce, avocado salad, tostones, pickled onions, and rice and peas. It's a dish rooted in tradition and rich in flavor.

For something adventurous, the Beef Tataki Chino Latino offers a striking fusion of cultures, combining marinated tenderloin with



potato and beet salad, piccalilli mayo, fried onion, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, avocado, and a zesty Maggi seasoning vinaigrette.

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Adriaan Laclé: One of Aruba's richest men in the twentieth century



(Oranjestad)—The name Adriaan Laclé may ring a bell to locals as one of the bigger roads on the island, but about a century ago, Adriaan Laclé was a rich businessman, well-known for his generosity, wealth, and taste.

Adriaan was born in 1866 and was the eldest of six children. Not much is known about his childhood upbringing or any of his earlier business ordeals, but during his hay day he often helped people get loans, was a well-established trader, and owned several plots of land. In fact, he commissioned the construction of the famous La Quinta Carmen manor—now a restaurant. Though he himself never lived in the beautiful manor, his own house also reflected his success and good taste. Today his house still stands in good condition and can be found in the back streets of main street Oranjestad.

Regarding his personal life, it has been said that he was married twice during his lifetime. He had his first daughter during his first marriage but lost his wife soon after her birth. During his second marriage, he fathered 16 children. However, it has been said that only 11 of those 17 made it past 18 years of age. Perhaps two of his most well-known daughters are Maria Monica Laclé and Maria Veneranda Laclé, who went on to marry successful brothers Eloy Arends and Maximilian Arends, respectively. Their houses are still standing; Eloy and Maria Monica's mansion functions as a townhall, used to host civil marriages, while Maximilian and Maria Veneranda's house stands on the opposite side of the road to them—though currently under renovation after years left in ruin. □

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Birds of Aruba



ORANJESTAD — On May 11th, 2010, the Aruba Birdlife Conservation was founded with the aim of protecting the biodiversity in general and birds in and around Aruba in particular.

Among other things, the foundation will focus on increasing the survival chances of species of wild birds by promoting their preservation and conservation. The foundation publishes the most beautiful pictures of



The Great Egret

Serenity in Aruba's National Park, a Great Egret flying in peace. When it is peaceful and quite, beautiful things start happening in nature.

Canadian in the house

The breeding season is over and it's getting pretty cold in North America. Shore birds have started moving southwards as early as July. This wetland beauty wants to keep its toes warm. Our Canadian friends know exactly where they can do so best. A Greater Yellowlegs rediscovering Aruba's Bubali Wetlands.

Cabochon



In its living form of so much more value than any gemstone. Aruba's smallest and most master of flight. A top pollinator. A hovering Blenchi inspecting the human who just entered his territory.
English: Blue-tailed Emerald (male)
Dutch: Blauwstaartsmaragdkolibrie (mannelijke).

Aruba's to enjoy. Aruba's to protect. □

Dining in? Try making some local favorites! How to make "pan bati"

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever up for an Aruban snack, try making another Aruban classic appetizer called Pan Bati. Similar to a pancake both in appearance and cooking, this is a super easy meal that adults and children will both enjoy. Here's how to make it!

Ingredients:

2 cups of all purpose flour
1 cup grams of fine cornmeal (we recommend the Harina PAN brand)
2 tbsp baking powder
1 1/3 cup of milk
1 pinch of salt
2 tbsp of granulated sugar
Oil for cooking

Instructions:

Add all the dry ingredients in a

bowl first, and stir until well mixed. Then add the milk and beat until reached a pancake-like consistency. If more moisture is needed, add some water until reached desired consistency.

In a hot pan with oil, pour in enough batter to cover the bottom of the pan. Just like pancakes, flip the pan bati when one side turns golden brown. When your pan bati is ready, place on a plate and cover with a clean kitchen towel.

Traditionally, pan bati is cut in triangle pieces, and is often eaten as a side dish with soup, fried fish or stews. However, it is also casually enjoyed with some butter and cheese on top! □





Article by Etnia Nativa

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The Hidden Impact of Our Beloved Cats on Aruban Biodiversity

The narrative of Etnia Nativa—which means Native Ethnicity—highlights the importance of recovering and preserving Aruba's cultural identity and heritage. Through this platform, readers can experience an authentic native perspective that both educates the public and inspires a growing "island caretaker mindset."

This episode focuses on a highly sensitive issue: the delicate balance between humans, their pets, and the fragile ecosystems that sustain us.

Cats are among the most beloved animals in the world, admired for their grace, intelligence, and companionship. Yet their presence outside the home has become one of the most underestimated environmental challenges of our time.

On islands and in small habitats like ours—where native species have evolved in isolation for thousands of years—the introduction of non-native animals can easily upset the natural balance. The domestic cat (*Felis silvestris catus*), admired for its beauty and agility, becomes an apex predator when released into the wild, where native wildlife often lacks the instincts to defend itself.

Studies around the world confirm that free-roaming and feral cats kill billions of birds, reptiles, amphibians, and small mammals each year. On islands like Aruba, these impacts are magnified due to our limited territory and small, vulnerable populations. Many of our native lizards, ground-nesting birds, and insects are now rarely seen in their once-abundant habitats—gardens, dunes, and coastal scrublands—as a direct result of feline predation.

What began as affectionate companionship has slowly transformed into a silent environmental crisis. Cats were first brought to the island by buccaneers and sailors, and later by settlers as pets. As new residential areas have spread across the island, natural habitats have been consumed piece by piece. Today, nearly every corner of Aruba is inhabited, with many households keeping cats or dogs.

Some pets have become feral, living as natural predators and often beyond effective control. These free-roaming cats and dogs thrive, while our endemic wildlife continues to decline. The irony lies in the fact



that animal protection laws—though essential for preventing cruelty—can sometimes conflict with the urgent need to protect native biodiversity.

To address this challenge, Etnia Nativa advocates for responsible pet ownership and greater ecological awareness. All domestic cats should be sterilized, microchipped, and kept indoors or within enclosed spaces. Even a simple measure—such as placing a bell on a cat's collar—can significantly reduce its hunting success and help safeguard our native fauna.

Education also plays a crucial role. Many cat owners are unaware that their pets, even when well-fed, hunt out of instinct and play, not hunger. True compassion for our animals must extend to compassion for nature itself—for the birds, lizards, and insects that form part of our island's unique natural identity.

Our ultimate goal is coexistence. By managing pet populations humanely and respecting the ecological boundaries of our environment, we can en-

sure that both domestic animals and native wildlife have a sustainable future.

Aruba's biodiversity is its heartbeat. Protecting it requires awareness, responsibility, and love for all forms of life that share our island home.

Explore Aruba's Roots at Etnia Nativa
If you've enjoyed discovering our ancestral stories and wish to delve deeper into the true identity of the Aruban people, we invite you to experience Etnia Nativa—the only "living museum" of its kind in the Caribbean, celebrating the island's rich mestizaje (cultural blending)..□

Founded in 1994, Etnia Nativa has been a cultural pioneer—co-founding Aruba's National Park, the Archaeological Museum, artisan foundations, and several grassroots initiatives dedicated to heritage and conservation. But Etnia Nativa isn't just a place — it's a gateway. Quietly tucked away near the high-rise hotels, this private residence also serves as a cultural sanctuary, unknown to most tourists. And that's part of its magic. Intentionally exclusive, it welcomes only those with a genuine curiosity and a thirst for authentic discovery.

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Aruba's Bocas: home to the rarest fossil reefs on the planet!

(Oranjestad)—If you've been to the northern coast of Aruba already, you've probably noticed how the ground differs entirely from the sandy beaches on the southern part of the island. These hard surfaces, with sharp bumps and holes are actually fossilized coral reefs, of which its growth and changes can be traced back to the last glacial period.

On May 30 2023, geoscientists, Dr. Patrick Boyden from the Marum research faculty at the University of Bremen, Prof. dr. Alessio Rovere from the Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Prof. dr. Gianfranco Scicchitano, from the University of Bari Aldo Moro, presented their research on these fossilized coral reefs at the University of Aruba. Their focus for their research included studying the health and formation patterns of these coral reefs, and to investigate how



these reefs have responded and can respond to fluctuating sea levels or extreme weather, like hurricanes and tsunamis.

Through underwater and land surveillance, and 3D

models of the reefs, they were able to narrow down when these formations started to take place. They were also able to track the fluctuation of sea levels during the past hundred or even thousands of years, and the

effects that this fluctuation has had on the coral reefs of the windward side of Aruba.

These findings can certainly put things into perspective. The ground on which we have walked many times

on the northern part of the island hold such rich history, history that dates back to a time that most of us cannot even imagine. As the scientists themselves have pointed out, these fossilized reefs on the windward side are truly an incredible and rare remnant of geological history, as they provide a clear view of how these reefs have formed.

This research is also important for the future of coral reefs on the island. By studying rising sea levels and climate impact on these coral reefs, we are able to take concrete action in protecting and preserve our coral reefs. So, if you are ever visiting one of the bocas or driving along the northern part of the island, please be conscious to help protect our natural historical remnant. Oh, and wear (coral-friendly) sunscreen! ☐

Planning on snorkeling? Get to know our Candelchi!

ORANJESTAD—If you're ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can't recognize. One of these may be the "Candelchi" (Squirrelfish), a common, yet shy fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba.

Let's talk about the names of fish. Do you know your fish? The Department of Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, known as Santa Rosa, offers this informative article that illustrate some fish and their names in Papiamentu.

Candelchi, Squirrelfish, *Holocentrus adscensionis*:

Candelchi actually refers to the entire squirrelfish family or, as some say, when we say candelchi, we mean several different species but without distinguishing them by species. In this picture, we are showing the most common one in our waters, which is called squirrelfish in English or scientifically known as *Holocentrus adscensionis*. Under candelchi, we in Aruba generally refer to all the

different species of squirrelfish. They all look alike and it's really difficult to distinguish between them.

The squirrelfish family is distinguished by the following characteristics. They are heart-shaped with pink or red hues and often show heart-shaped streaks be-

tween the scales along the body. They have hard fins and are always armed. Over at our sister island Curaçao, they are called "bari di clabo" (nail barrel) for that reason.

In our waters, there are 7 to 8 types or species present and they are sometimes

caught and seen occasionally. They can be distinguished by different marks such as color on the dorsal spine or marks on the body.

In Aruba:

Candelchi are found on reefs or areas with structure in the water where they can hide. Although they

prefer to hunt for food at night, they are also active during the day. They are edible and delicious when prepared dry and crispy with lime. It is particularly challenging to scale the fish, which is why it is not one of the favorites among fishermen. They often live in groups. ☐



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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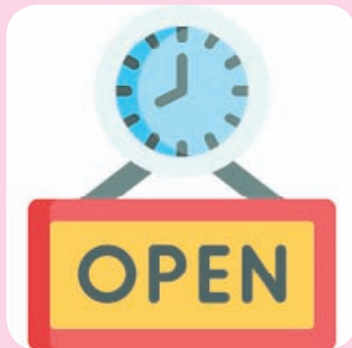
Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★

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Stability AI largely wins U.K. court battle against Getty Images over copyright and trademark

By **KELVIN CHAN**
AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — Artificial intelligence company Stability AI mostly prevailed against Getty Images Tuesday in a British court battle over intellectual property. Seattle-based Getty had accused Stability AI of infringing its copyright and trademark by scraping 12 million images from its website, without permission, to train its popular image generator, Stable Diffusion. The closely followed case at Britain's High Court was among the first in a wave of lawsuits involving generative AI as movie studios, authors and artists challenged tech companies' use of their works to train AI chatbots.

Tech companies have long argued that "fair use" or "fair dealing" legal doctrines in the United States and United Kingdom allow them to train their AI systems on large troves of writings or images. Tuesday's ruling provides some clarity but still leaves big unanswered questions over copyright and AI, experts said.

According to the judge's written ruling, Getty narrowly won its argument that Stability had infringed its trademark, but lost the rest of its case.

Both sides claimed victory.



A sign for the Seattle office of Getty Images Inc., is shown Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, in Seattle.

Associated Press

"This is a significant win for intellectual property owners," Getty Images said in a statement.

Shares of Getty dipped 3% before the opening bell in the U.S.

Stability, based in London, said it was pleased with the ruling.

"This final ruling ultimately resolves the copyright concerns that were the core issue," Stability's General Counsel Christian Dowell said.

Getty had accused Stability of both primary and secondary copyright infringement.

Legal experts said the first one involves the act of reproducing something without permission similar to a dodgy factory churn-

ing out counterfeit Chanel handbags or pirated CDs while the second involves importing those copies from another country.

In this case, Getty said Stability's use of its image library to train and develop Stable Diffusion's AI model amounted to breach of primary copyright. □



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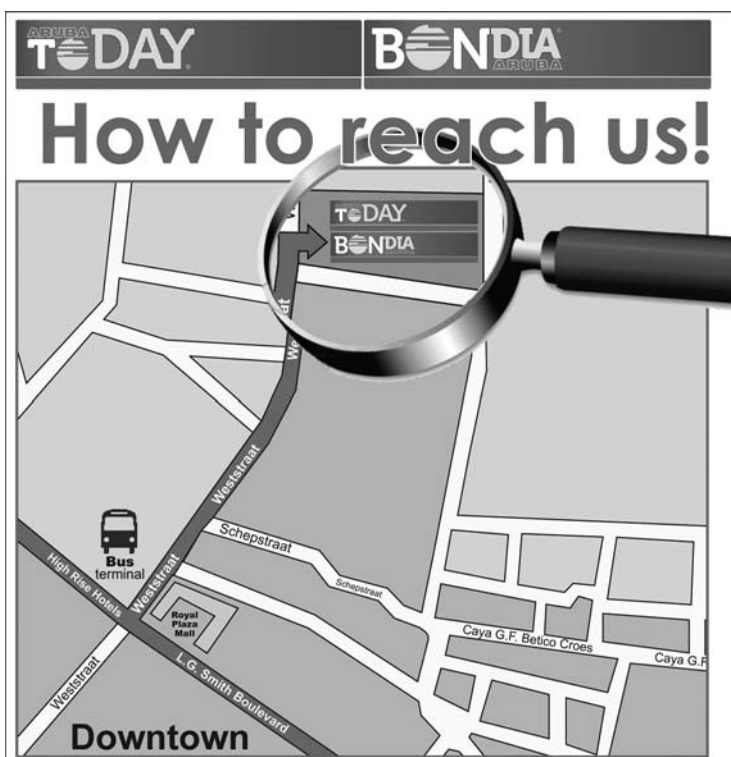
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ARUBA TODAY NEWS

Movie Review: In 'Sentimental Value,' an aching lovely portrait of artists and family

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP Film Writer

The focus of Joachim Trier's "Sentimental Value" may be small and limited one Norwegian family struggling to connect and communicate and yet its emotional scope is downright cosmic. This is a film about life in the arts, about fulfillment and forgiveness, about performance, about stories true and falsely remembered, about home, about trauma, about allowing oneself to be seen and about some really excellent sweaters.

And at its heart is Stellan Skarsgård, doing some of his finest work in years as an acclaimed film director, Gustav Borg, who always chose his work over his family. Gustav is a familiar type, the kind of charismatic narcissist that professions like film director seem to attract and, often, exaggerate. He's the kind who's able to forge deep and meaningful connections with actors he's just met and will only know for a few months that will produce great and lasting art. Yet his own daughters, Nora (Renate Reinsve) and Agnes (Inga Ibsdotter



This image released by Neon shows Renate Reinsve, left, and Inga Ibsdotter Lilleaas in a scene from "Sentimental Value."

Lilleaas), may as well be strangers. Now with his career in danger of fading into retrospective territory, he's trying to right those wrongs (and, you know, make a comeback) the only way he knows how: Making another movie. Some people never learn.

What better time to approach Nora about starring in it than right after her mother and his ex-wife's death? It's not so random: Nora is a rather celebrated actor in Oslo, though her

preferred medium is the stage. She's so good, in fact, that she continues to get lead roles despite being what one might describe as a difficult and unreliable member of the company. In an early scene, we watch her attempt numerous times to flee right as the curtain is about to go up. But Gustav doesn't go see her plays. And she doesn't care about his films, or him. He's a drunk who was never there, she says. And so, without even reading the

script that he excitedly says he wrote for her, she turns down the offer.

The wounds run deep in this family, tethered to a home that has spanned generations and all of the highs and lows of life through the decades, including Gustav's mother's imprisonment torture during World War II. It can sound tiresome and cliché to describe places and things as characters, but the extended metaphor here is lovely and real, a physical space

that is metaphorically the only thing tying them together. Gustav even wants to use it as a set for his film, which gets a second life when he connects with an American movie star named Rachel Kemp (Elle Fanning) who is desperate to do something meaningful. Soon comes the Netflix money, and some fun "inside show business" moments as Rachel prepares to play a difficult-to-crack character inspired by Gustav's mother, who many years ago died by suicide in their home. There are shades of "Persona" as Rachel dyes her hair to match Nora's and tries to understand not just the character but Nora as well.

When Rachel decides to drop out of the project, Gustav slips into an unexpectedly tender and fatherly mode, perfectly understanding, and comforting.

When he cradles her head in with a gentle hug, it's a lovely moment that's laced with a melancholic truth: This is not something that Gustav has ever, or will ever, be able to do with his own kids. □

Associated Press



Jonathan Bailey poses for photographers upon arrival at the premiere of the film 'Wicked' Nov. 18, 2024, in London.

Associated Press

By **The Associated Press**
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Something has changed for "Wicked" star Jonathan Bailey, something is not the same he is People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive for 2025.

The magazine's pick was announced Monday night on "The Tonight Show Star-

ring Jimmy Fallon." Bailey takes the mantle from "The Office" and "Jack Ryan" star John Krasinski, who was the 2024 selection.

"It's a huge honor," Bailey, 37, told the magazine. "Obviously, I'm incredibly flattered. And it's completely absurd."

Bailey had audiences

Jonathan Bailey named People magazine's 2025 Sexiest Man Alive

swooning as Prince Fiyero in his 2024 big-screen debut in "Wicked," the popular movie musical in which he proudly urges fellow students to join him in his shallowness. The second half arrives in theaters Nov. 21. He dripped with charm as Lord Anthony Bridgerton on Netflix's "Bridgerton," and earned a 2024 Emmy nomination for his role in the Showtime series "Fellow Travelers." Most recently, he starred in "Jurassic World Rebirth," which came out in July.

Bailey told Fallon that the title was an "honor of a lifetime."

"I'm sort of thrilled that People magazine have invited someone in bestowed this

honor on someone who can really cherish the value of a sexy man," he said. Bailey told People that he's known he wanted to be an actor since he was 5 years old and his grandmother took him to see a production of the musical "Oliver!" Within two years he had achieved that dream, performing with the Royal Shakespeare Company. He's had plenty of stage credits since then, including starring in Shakespeare's Richard II in London earlier this year.

Bailey, who has spoken openly about being a gay actor, founded The Shameless Fund, which helps to support LGBTQ+ organizations.

"I know the LGBT sector is under immense threat at the moment," he said. "So it's been amazing to meet people who have the expertise and see potential that I could have only dreamed of."

The first Sexiest Man Alive was Mel Gibson in 1985. Other past recipients include Brad Pitt, George Clooney, John F. Kennedy Jr., David Beckham, Michael B. Jordan, John Legend, Dwayne Johnson, Paul Rudd, Pierce Brosnan and Patrick Dempsey.

Bailey, who will be the cover story in People's edition coming out Friday, had to stay tight-lipped about the news. □



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How the NFL is aiming to broaden its appeal to women

By **ALYCE BROWN**
AP Sports Writer

At this year's NFL draft, some of the league's top prospects were asked a few questions they weren't used to.

"What is a skort?" an interviewer asked. Travis Hunter made his best guess.

"What is primer?" she continued. Shemar Stewart wasn't totally sure.

The questions were part of a social media video asking players about women's products. It was created by Betches, a media company that caters to a young female audience, and garnered 1.5 million views on Instagram. While it might not be traditional NFL content, it's resonating and building on the league's push to attract young women through partnerships with women-centered media outlets.

The league partnered with Betches last December, and finalized a partnership with The Gist, a female-fan focused sports site and newsletter, in August. The



Green Bay Packers fans cheer during the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025, in Glendale, Ariz.

NFL has long seen women as key to their efforts to broaden the league's appeal, a push that gained extra momentum after Taylor Swift began her highly-publicized relationship with now-fiancé Travis Kelce of the Kansas City Chiefs.

"As we want to connect

with this audience, authentic, real storytelling is absolutely key," said Marissa Solis, the senior vice president of global brand and consumer marketing at the NFL. "So rather than doing targeted ads that really don't connect ... you give access to (Betches and The

Gist) but they tell the story in their own point of view, being there, front and center. And I think that connection is something paid advertising can't do." Both outlets receive access to NFL tentpole events the Super Bowl, the draft and the combine, to name

a few to create articles and content for their platforms, alongside additional league content. Betches, for example, kicked off a tailgate tour series as part of its partnership, and The Gist debuted a free game for predicting each week's winners.

The partnerships are all in pursuit of growing and engaging the league's large female fanbase, a demographic that has often been underestimated or overlooked. A September poll by Ipsos found that 41% of American women were NFL fans.

That translates into the potential for big business, leading the NFL to turn to outlets that already have deep connections with women.

"We center women in everything that we do. It's not an afterthought, it's not like you are adding the W to the end of ESPN," said Jacie deHoop, who co-founded The Gist with Ellen Hyslop and Roslyn McLarty in 2017. □

Bend a knee like Beckham: Soccer star is knighted by King Charles III

By **BRIAN MELLEY**
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LONDON (AP) — When it came time to receive his knighthood, soccer great David Beckham knew what to do. He bent his knee like, well, Beckham. King Charles III tapped his shoulders with the blade of a sword and "Becks" was transformed to Sir David Beckham. "This is without doubt my proudest moment," Beckham said after Tuesday's ceremony at Windsor Castle. "I've been very obviously lucky in my career to have won what I've won and done

what I've done, but to receive an honor like this, of a knight, is beyond anything that I ever thought that I would receive." The distinction marks the pinnacle of Beckham's effort to rehabilitate his image following events that at times alienated him from fans during a long and distinguished career. He also has had a very public persona as a fashion model, husband to Victoria "Posh" Beckham of the Spice Girls and "Bend it Like Beckham" movie muse. The 50-year-old was knighted for his services to sport and

charity, having partnered with UNICEF, the U.N.'s children's fund, for two decades and campaigned with a charity working to eradicate malaria. He also played a pivotal role in London being awarded the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. Nobel Prize-winning novelist Kazuo Ishiguro, author of "The Remains of the Day" who previously was knighted, was recognized in Tuesday's ceremony as a Companion of Honor for literature. Renowned musicals singer and actor Elaine Paige was given a damehood,



Sir David Beckham after he was made a Knight Bachelor at an investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle, Berkshire, England, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025.

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the female equivalent of a knighthood.

Beckham is the only English soccer player to score at three different World Cups, and his career in-

cluded the triple-winning campaign of 1999, when Manchester United won the Premier League, the FA Cup and the Champions League. □



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Alex Bregman, Lucas Giolito, Pete Alonso, Edwin Díaz and Cody Bellinger become free agents

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston third baseman Alex Bregman and right-hander Lucas Giolito, New York Mets first baseman Pete Alonso and closer Edwin Díaz and New York Yankees outfielder/first baseman Cody Bellinger were among the players who turned down player options or exercised opt outs and become free agents Tuesday. San Diego pitcher Robert Suarez also turned down his option and went free on the third day of the five-day free agent window.

A total of 153 players have become free agents following the end of the World Series and several dozen more potentially can go free through Thursday, depending on whether team, player and mutual options are exercised.

Bregman and the Red Sox agreed to a \$120 million, three-year contract in February and he gave up \$80 million for 2026 and '27, of which half each year would have been deferred and payable through 2036. He gets \$40 million for his one year with Boston, of which he received \$20 million this year. He also gets a \$5 million signing bonus payable



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Lucas Giolito delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the Athletics, Sept. 17, 2025, in Boston.

on Jan. 15, 2028, and \$20 million payable in annual \$2 million installments each June 15 starting in 2035. He hit .273 with 18 homers and 62 RBIs in 114 games. A 31-year-old three-time All-Star third baseman, Bregman was sidelined between May 23 and July 11 by a strained right quadriceps.

Giolito, a right-hander, declined a \$19 million mutual option with a \$1.5 million

buyout, ending a contract that paid him \$38.5 million for two seasons. The 31-year-old returned on April 30 from elbow surgery in March 2024 and was 10-4 with a 3.41 ERA in 26 starts and 145 innings. Alonso received \$30 million for one season under his \$54 million, two-year deal and declined a \$24 million salary for 2026.

The five-time All-Star first baseman, who turns 31 next

month, batted .272 with 38 homers, 41 doubles and 126 RBIs. Díaz earned \$64 million for three seasons in the \$102 million, five-year contract he agreed to in November 2022, including \$7.35 million in deferred payments due through 2039. The three-time All-Star gave up salaries of \$18.5 million in both 2026 and 2027 that were in his player option. If he had exercised his option, the Mets would

have had a \$17.25 million team option for 2028 with a \$1 million buyout.

A 31-year-old right-hander, Díaz had 28 saves in 31 chances and was 6-3 with a 1.63 ERA. He missed the 2023 season after tearing his right patellar tendon while celebrating a Puerto Rico win at the World Baseball Classic. New York exercised a \$4.75 million option on left-hander Brooks Raley rather than pay a \$350,000 buyout, declined a \$2 million option on right-hander Drew Smith and said right-hander Frankie Montas and left-hander A.J. Minter had exercised player options. Montas has a \$17 million salary for next season as part of a \$34 million, two-year deal and Minter an \$11 million salary as part of a \$22 million, two-year contract. Montas, 32, was 3-2 with a 6.28 ERA in seven starts and two relief appearances, limited by a right lat strain that delayed his season debut until June 24 and then cut short by a torn elbow ligament that led to Tommy John surgery on Sept. 9. Minter, 32, had a 1.64 ERA in 11 relief appearances, the last April 26 before a left lat strain ended his season. □

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Aryna Sabalenka to play Nick Kyrgios in 'Battle of the Sexes' exhibition match



Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus serves to Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. during a women's singles semifinal match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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By The Associated Press

Top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka will play former Wimbledon finalist Nick Kyrgios in a "Battle of the Sexes" exhibition match in Dubai on Dec. 28.

After Sabalenka confirmed during the U.S. Open that discussions for the match were underway, both players on Tuesday posted logistical details on their social media channels.

They will play indoors at the 17,000-seat Coca-Co-

la Arena. Kyrgios said this year he would get only one serve and would be hitting toward a smaller side of the court. The Australian, who has barely played in recent years because of injuries, has predicted he will win easily.

Both players will also feature in an exhibition in New York on Dec. 8 but not against each other: Sabalenka will play Naomi Osaka and Kyrgios will face Tommy Paul. "I cannot wait to get back

out on court," Kyrgios said in an Instagram story. "Honestly I'm feeling amazing. I never thought I would be back into this position, being able to travel the world, see my fans and play some amazing tennis."

"The name of the Sabalenka-Kyrgios exhibition was borrowed from the 1973 match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs which King won in straight sets in the Houston Astrodome. □